

Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support



Welcome

CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) promotes capacity development and performance improvement to strengthen the national public health system on all levels. Our mission is rooted in solid values of service and stewardship and focused on providing support to state, tribal, local and territorial health partners. OSTLTS is establishing a systems approach to achieve its goal; an approach that supports integration and collaboration among public health professionals and focuses on translating science to practice.

Programs and Services

Key OSTLTS programs and services include

- Enhancement of performance management capacity of public health departments—*National Public Health Improvement Initiative*
- Increased support to improve workforce and leadership development and training programs—*Public Health Associate Program S` V Public Health Leadership Society*
- Support for higher health standards and improved health systems for the nation's public health departments—*National Public Health Performance Standards Program, National Voluntary Accreditation for Public Health Departments, Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships*
- Support for a consultation on policy and legal options that affect CDC health priorities—*Public Health Law Program*
- Development and implementation of a prevention status system for monitoring relevant state-level health outcomes and other indicators—*Prevention Status Report*
- Support for electronic information exchanges where public health professionals can collaborate on priority issues—*Public Health Communities of Practice*

Moving Forward

Our constituents, partners, and those we work to protect from disease, disability, and death are at the heart of our work. Together we will continue to develop our expertise, design tools and programs that work, and ensure communication and information sharing is ongoing and two-way.

I hope you will continue to engage with us and take time to visit the [OSTLTS website](http://www.cdc.gov/OSTLTS) to find current events, timely releases and updates, and invitations to information sharing opportunities.

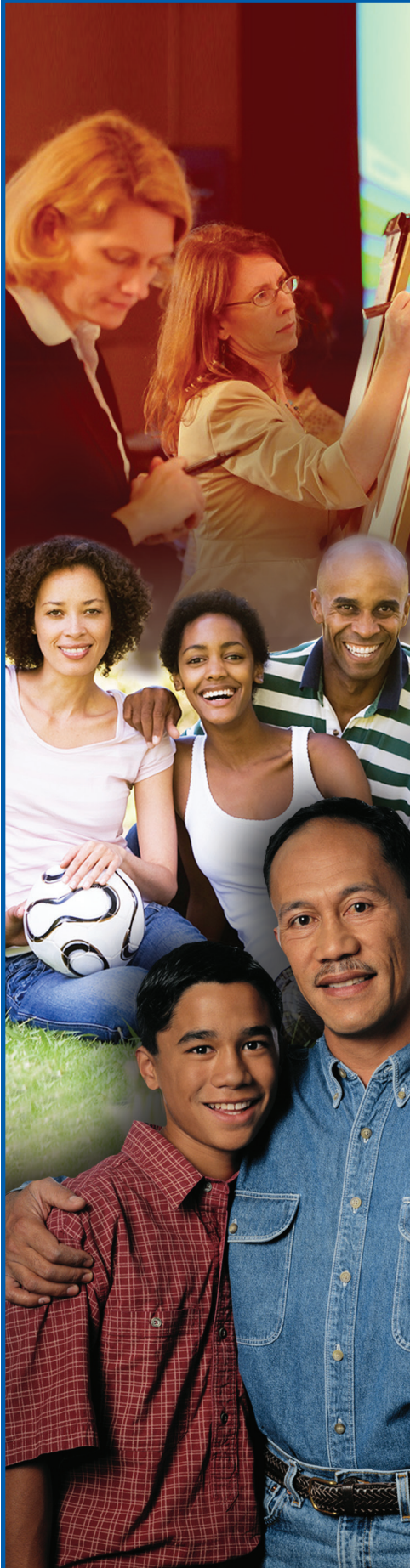
Thank you for your commitment to public health and your interest in OSTLTS!

Sincerely,
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The Public Health Law Program works to increase capacity of state, tribal, local and territorial (STLT) organizations to use public health law as a public health tool by

- Improving access to public health law expertise at state, tribal, local and territorial levels
- Identifying or developing practical, law-centered tools for public health practice in collaboration with partners in public health, policy and law
- Disseminating information about existing state and local laws that may have application to public health
- Providing legal technical assistance to address winnable battle activities (e.g., sodium reduction, food safety, motor vehicle injury reduction, HIV prevention)

The Division of Public Health Capacity Development

provides guidance and strategic direction on public health practice and works collaboratively to advance the capacity, agility, and efficiency of STLT public health. The Division is composed of three branches:

The Technical Assistance Branch provides leadership, tools, and techniques to enhance and foster the capability of the public health system by providing access, infrastructure and field support from CDC including

- Tribal Liaison/Collaboration
- National Public Health Improvement Initiative

The Knowledge Management Branch provides resources, tools, and methods to increase access to lessons learned and leading practices, enhance peer-to-peer learning, and build workforce capacity across the public health system by providing

- Health Officer Orientation and Engagement
- Public Health Associate Program
- Peer-to-peer learning through Communities of Practice
- Identification, dissemination, and support for adoption of leading practices

The Partnership Support Branch administers, maintains, guides, and evaluates partnership cooperative agreements while supporting critical cross-CDC relationships through the

- Facilitation of CDC and public health partner relationships aimed at priority public health initiatives that address CDC program needs and benefit STLT health departments and public health in general
- Improvement and evaluation of key public health partners' performance
- Identification and dissemination of public health partner publications, policy documents, and technical assistance tools to strengthen the public health system



The Division of Public Health Performance Improvement

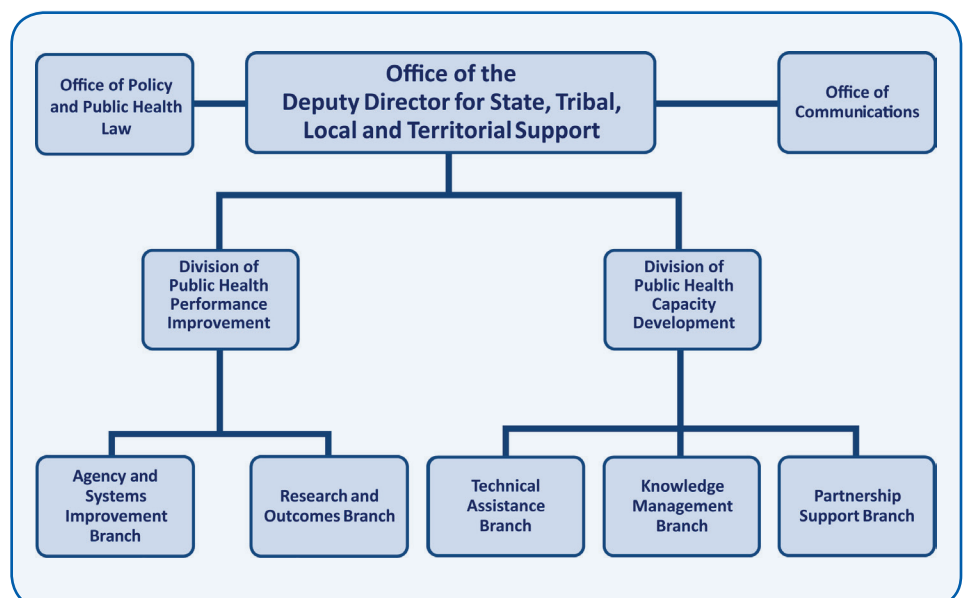
provides guidance and strategic direction on a cross-agency system of performance and accountability that ensures CDC and the public health system is positioned to achieve and advance public health outcomes. The Division is composed of two branches:

The Agency and Systems Improvement Branch collaboratively identifies standards, policies, leading practices, and models across CDC and STLT agencies and promotes quality improvement practices and preparation for accreditation through the

- National Public Health Performance Standards Program
- State and Community Health Improvement Planning
- National, voluntary public health accreditation program for STLT Organizations

The Research and Outcomes Branch engages in research, evaluation, and strategy development for improving public health outcomes using efficient and effective change in the public health system through

- Evaluation and improvement of program, business, and fiscal policy and practices within STLT organizations and within CDC when relevant
- Identification, development, implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of information, tools, and other resources for measuring and reporting performance for continuous quality improvement (Health Improvement Index)
- Evaluation, validation, and dissemination of standards, policies, strategies, and other efforts that impact program and overall health outcomes across CDC and STLT agencies



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National Public Health Improvement Initiative (NPHII)¹

Goal

This Initiative is intended to strengthen public health infrastructure and systematically increase performance management capacity so that public health goals are effectively and efficiently met. Increased efficiency and effectiveness are critical in preparing for, preventing, and responding to acute and chronic threats to the nation's health. NPHII is part of the Prevention and Public Health Fund of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act of 2010, the nation's health reform law.

In this era of health reform, public health service delivery systems will be transformed, especially as individuals gain access to health plans that support behavioral and clinical changes to improve health. NPHII anticipates contributing to this transformation through building or reengineering public health infrastructures while integrating a system for continuous performance measurement and quality improvement.

Grantees

Through OSTLTS, CDC has awarded \$42.5 million for the NPHII to health departments or their bona fide agents in 49 states; 8 federally recognized Tribes; Washington, D.C.; 9 large local health departments; 5 U.S. Territories; and 3 U.S. affiliated Pacific Island jurisdictions as the beginning of a 5-year program. Expanded programs are funded in 19 of these grantees.

Expected Outcomes

NPHII supports cross-cutting public health system changes that categorical public health programs are not set up to support. The initiative expects to increase the ability of health departments to use resources more efficiently across or within key areas, such as health promotion and disease prevention, public health policy and law, health information technology, and workforce development. Key to success of enhanced efficiency and effectiveness of public health service delivery are standardization, improved networking and cross-jurisdictional coordination and cooperation.

Categories of Work

All categories of work require measurable outcome goals intended to determine success.

Performance Management

This category of work is required of all grantees

- Focuses on building, institutionalizing, and implementing performance management capacity within health departments
- Supports a full-time Performance Improvement Manager who will participate in a national network of performance improvement professionals supported by CDC

Policy and Workforce Development

- Uses policy and public health law as tools for protecting and improving public health
- Supports expansion and training of public health staff and community leaders

Public Health System Development/Redevelopment

- Focuses on building or reengineering infrastructure to improve networking, coordination, standardization, and cross-jurisdictional cooperation in the delivery of public health services
- Establishes or enhances systems that increase the ability to use resources more efficiently within and across the system

Best Practice Implementation

- Assists health departments in increasing access to and adopting best and promising practices for prevention and wellness, as well as business and organizational practices

¹Announced as Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure for Improved Health Outcomes (CDC-RFA-CD10-1011).

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